Salient features of consumer protection Forum

585. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Justice Eradi report on consumer protection forum; and

(b) what recommendations have been implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIAL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Hon'ble Justice Eradi made the following main recommendations in response to Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 17 January, 1990:

(i) that State Commission and District Forms should be provided with basic minimum staff structure;

(ii) that the President of the State Commission and District Forums should be declared as Head of Office and should be provided with adequate impreset fund to meet day to day requirements; and

(iii) that certain posts may be created for National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission etc.

(b) Central Government has created necessary posts as recommended by Justice Eradi and directed by Hon'ble Supreme Court. The remaining recommendations have been sent to the State Government for compliance as they are concerned with them.

Computer applications in Sanskrit studies and research

586. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects funded for computer applications in Sanskrit Studies and Research;

(b) the Sanskrit Institutions which have been indentified for computer based Education and Research in Sanskrit; and what is the amount given to each Institutions;

(c) what is the mechanism to coordinate these project and exchange of their research contributions;

(d) whether these centres are connected through some computer network, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, which existing educational computer network can be accessible to these institutions and at what costs and what concrete promotional efforts have been made in this direction details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) A number of projects have been funded for computer applications in Sanskrit Studies & Research under the Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) Programme of the Department of Electronics. Projects/institutions where these have been initiated and the funds released are given in the list.

(c) These projects are being co-ordinated by the Department of Electronics and monitored on a six monthly basic through status reports and steering committees. Exchange of the research contributions of these institutions are planned through Annual-TDIL-meet. Also(need-based exchange of information between institutions doing similar work is envisaged.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. As the requirement for on-line interaction between these organisations are minimal as present, networking facilities are not envisaged. However, when they grow to a level requiring such facilities, the existing Educational & Research Computer Networks such as ERNET (Educational & Research in Networking of the Department of Electronics) would be made available on an actual cost sharing basis.

List of Projects Related to "Sanskrit and Computer" funded under TDIL Programme

Project Name	Name of the Institution	Cumulative Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)
(1) Preparation of curriculum Guidelines and Course material for Introduction of Sanskrit Vyakaran, to Computer Scientist and Linguists.	SLBSR Sanskrit Vidyapeet Delhi.	1.25
(2) Preparation of curriculum Guidelines and Course material for introduciton of Sanskrit Himamsa, to Linguists and Computer Scientists.	Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidya peeth, Tirupati.	1.25
(3) Preparation of Curriculum Guidelines and Course Material for introduction of Sanskrit Nirukta to Linguists and Computer Scientists.	Gurukul Kangri University, Hardwar.	1.25
4) Utilization of Sanskrit in Computer based semantic processing (Kriya Research).	Academy of Sanskrit Research, Melkote.	4.94
(5) Exploring Information Processing Structuring in Sanskrit Shastra.	Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi.	4.45
(6) Resource Centre for Computer Assisted Learning Teaching Programme for B.Ed. / M.Ed. Students.	S.L.B.S. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi.	8.69
(7) Computer Assisted Sanskrit Teaching Learning Environment (CASTLE).	S.L.B.S. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi.	1.61
(8) Development of Corpora of Text of Indian Language in Machine Readable form (Sanskrit).	Sampurnanand Sankrit University, Varanasi.	13.00

Academic exchange programme

587. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for academic exchange programme at national and international level for scholars working in the area of computer and Sanskrit;

(b) which are the Centres abroad in America, Germany, Britain where research in computers and Sanskrit is being carried out; and

(c) the number of scholars visited under such exchange international programme during last 3 years and expected number of visits during next 2 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No Sir.

(b) The names of some of the centres in America, Germany and Britain where research in Computer and Sanskrit is being carried out are given below:—

(1) SUNY, Buffalo, USA.